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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the District 8 and District 11 drift gillnet fisheries:

District 8: **will be closed**

The first inseason forecast is projecting a terminal run size of 29,300 Stikine River Chinook salmon. This forecast is well below the preseason forecast and results in a U.S. allowable catch below levels that would allow further directed commercial fishing in District 8. The District 8 gillnet fishery will remain closed until the sockeye salmon season unless inseason projections of Stikine River Chinook salmon increase.

The inseason terminal run size estimate for Taku River Chinook salmon remains well below the preseason forecast. A terminal run of this size results in no U.S. allowable directed harvest and there will be no directed Taku Chinook salmon gillnet opening in District 11. The department will continue to evaluate in river stock assessment information as it becomes available.

The next drift gillnet news release will be Thursday, May 31, 2012.

Information concerning troll fisheries will be announced in separate new releases.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates								
Statistical Week 21 (May 20 - May 26)								
Preliminary Estimates Compiled May 24, 2012								
NUMBER OF SALMON								
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 8	250	5	0	0	5	260	40	1
Total	250	5	0	0	5	260		
FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD								
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
District 8	6	0	0	0	0	7		
Anita Bay THA: confidential								

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1612.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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